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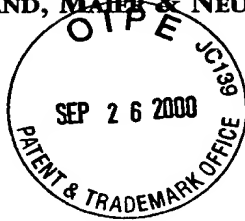
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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A THIN SHEET OF ULTRA-LOW-CARBON STEEL
FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF DRAWN PRODUCTS FOR PACKAGING AND
THIS SHEET OBTAINED
Group No.: 1742
Examiner: YEE

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action of June 6, 2000, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The claims stand rejected as obvious over EP '834. Acknowledged differences between the reference and the claims include nitrogen content and coiling temperature. In spite of these differences, the position has been taken by the Office that the present invention is obvious over the reference disclosure.

However, close inspection of EP '834 shows that the reference actually teaches away from the present claims when one considers composition and coiling temperature. In particular, note page 8 of EP '834, lines 1-9 under "Coiling Temperature" in which it is clearly indicated that when Ti, Nb, B or P are absent or present only in minor amounts (i.e.,

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